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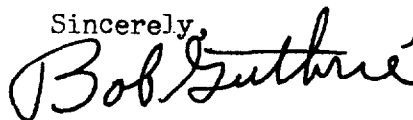
Dear Josh,

I am very sorry to tell you that I have tried to cultivate that Gal+Lac-bug with no success. I used the one lyophilized stock culture I have and two old agar slants that I found, but they were as dead as a doornail. I think that there may be more cultures hidden away among a large number that I brought with me and I will try to find these as I am as interested in this bug as you are. The Dutchman who gave me this culture has gone back to the Dutch East Indies, but I may be able to get his address from Fritz Bell at N.I.H., whom I will write today.

I am very sorry that after this shameful delay on my part I have to give you such depressing news about this intriguing E. coli strain, and hope that I will still be able to get a culture for you, as well as for myself.

I have a Salmonella strain (if it's still alive!) that I obtained from Kristensen in Denmark which has an analagous pattern of loss and gain in fermentation of two sugars. As I remember it, these sugars do not have the same relation to each other as in the case of the lactose and galactose, however. I will let you know about this latter organism when I have time to study it, if you are interested.

Sincerely,



Robert Guthrie
Chairman

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